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1. Prior to 10 September 1950 the 2nd Engr Regt, was located with all its components in Pisek (P 50/Q 69).

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2. The officers of the regiment included Colonel Jilma, (fmu), regimental commander, who succeeded Colonel Kruzik, (fmu), on 15 June 1950; Lieutenant Colonel Houlik, (fmu), deputy commander; Staff Captain Hajek, (fmu), DOZ officer; Senior Lieutenant Vinohradsky, (fmu), political officer; Lieutenant Colonel Oto Triebel; Captain Eduard Stralka, commanding officer of the Headquarters Co; Captain Juraj Bohun, commanding officer of the Repl Co; Lieutenant Colonel Kolar, (fmu), commanding officer of D Bn; Major Marecek, (fmu), commanding officer of F Bn.
3. The regiment was organized into the regimental headquarters with the Headquarters Co, consisting of a signal and a reconnaissance platoon, B Co of 40 drivers, and the Repl Tng Co; and into D, E and F Bns, formerly the I through III Bns, each of three companies. D Bn consisted of H, I and K Cos; E Bn included Cos M and N; and F Bn included R Co, the former 9th Co. Originally numbering 150 men, each company had about 50 men detached to labor brigades. About 30 percent of the regiment's enlisted personnel were Czechs, and 70 percent Slovaks. In August 1950 the regiment received about 30 young lieutenants from the Military Academy in Iranico (P 50/O 25). **
4. The companies were equipped with German model 98-M rifles, nine German light machine guns per company, Czech model 48-A sub-machine guns, and old damaged gas masks. The mine equipment included model PT-MHD AT mines, measuring 34x24x20 cm, made of wood, containing a 6.5-kg demolition charge and two fuzes, detonating at a pressure of 140 kg; model TOLII-SF-1 disk-shaped AT mines of bakelite, about 35 cm in diameter and 10 cm high, detonating upon action of a glass fuze at a pressure of 210 kg; and antipersonnel mines of wood, weighing about 0.2 kg, fitted with a model RO-1 fuze,

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detonating at a pressure of about 4 kg. The unit was also equipped with some portable German flame throwers, with a range of 15 to 20 meters. The regiment had two damaged German armored scout cars, about 20 trucks, about 10 passenger cars, about 20 amphibious cars, 20 motorcycles, and some horse-drawn vehicles.

5. About 10 large and 20 small pneumatic boats and miscellaneous engineer equipment were kept in a training equipment storehouse in Pisek. About a hundred other small pneumatic boats and other equipment were stored in a mobilization equipment storage installation near Pukratice, about 2 km northwest of Pisek. Mines were stored in Oldrichov, about 3 km west-northwest of Pisek. British and German bridging equipment for two 150-meter bridges, 10 German pontoons and more than 20 pontoon sections were stored along the river bank in Pisek. The training equipment included seven Czech model 34 pontoons, five motorboats of various types, one power saw, 15 vehicles for the transportation of the bridging equipment and pile drivers, and other material.
6. A course for NCO candidates was conducted in Pisek from 15 November 1948 to 15 April 1949. During the summer months of each year, about 100 soldiers from the regiment participated in a water training course held by an engineer unit in Bratislava (P 49/X 99). On 15 August 1950 I Co was committed to the construction of AT obstacles in the Myrsko (N 50/U 99) area.
7. Engineer units were also stationed in Bratislava, Litomerice-Terezin (N 51/F 53), Michalovce (R 49/E 74) and Sered (P 49/T 31). ***

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. The report confirms the 2nd Engr Regt in Pisek.

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. A previous report stated that a IV Bn of the Regiment had been located in Sv. Dobritiva in May 1949. See [redacted] The battalion was subsequently referred to as a ponal battalion.

25X1A [redacted] It probably was the road construction battalion mentioned in a previous report. [redacted] The 2d Engr Regt has only three organic battalions.

*** [redacted] Comment. The units are believed to be the 4th Engr Regt in Bratislava and Sered, the 18th Indep Engr Bn in Michalovce, the 1st Engr Regt in Terezin and the engineer officers school in Litomerice.

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